

ON *FLAMMULINA* (*ALLODISCUS*) *CHION*, A NEW HELICOID
LAND-SHELL FROM NEW ZEALAND.

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THE species about to be described formed part of the collection made by Mr. H. B. Preston, in the North Island of New Zealand, and is the second new species from that collection, the first having already been described.¹



FLAMMULINA (*ALLODISCUS*) *CHION*, n.sp.

Testa parva, depresso conica, imperforata, tenuis, confertim costulata, omnino nivea; anfr. 5-5½, convexi, regulariter accrescentes, ultimus non descendens, costulis 82 approx. ornata, interstitiæ sub lente striatæ; basi medio impressus; apertura rotundato-lunaris; peristoma simplex, tenue. Diam. maj. 5, alt. 3 mm.

Hab.—Near Inglewood, Taranaki, North Island.

At first sight this species would suggest the idea that it is an albino form of some known shell: on examination, however, there seems to be no known form quite resembling it; and since it proved plentiful, and no coloured specimens were found, this idea may be abandoned. It is of a lovely, snowy white, and has spiral striations on the apical whorls. The nearest species appears to be *F. venulata* (Pfr.), from the South Island; from this, however, *F. chion* may be separated by the difference in the relative proportions of breadth and height, as also by the more distant and more elevated ribs. The entire absence of colour is also a remarkable feature. I have to thank Mr. Suter for kindly examining a specimen and giving his opinion.

¹ Proc. Malac. Soc., Vol. I, p. 218, March 1895.